VISITATION

Of Love unto the Inhabitants of

LONDON,

Or any other place where it may come.

IT being a warning more unto the many which they have had, now in this their day, by many of the true and faithful ſervants of the Lord with wholeſome advice unto her Rulers from the higheſt to the loweſt, to forewarn them that they no longer withſtand the day of their viſitation, but to turn unto the Lord before his fierce indignation break forth againſt them, and the day of their viſitation paſs over their heads which cannot be again recalled. *W. G.*

Many have been the teſtimonies which have been borne by the ſervants of the Lord, from the one ſpirit of truth unto thine inhabitants, of the things that pertain and belong unto the ſouls everlaſting happineſs, and many times have ye been warned and beſeeched to turn from ſin, and all uncleaneſs, unto the Lord, and large hath been the day of your viſitation in which the ſervants of the Lord have run from time to time, and from day to day, to invite you to that principle of God in you, that bears witneſs for God againſt all that is contrary unto his ſpiritual appearing in the light of his Son Chriſt Jeſus, which is broken forth in this our day, for to deſtroy the works of darkneſs and brings into the marvelous light all thoſe that obeys and followeth its leadings, Oh therefore in the bowels of tender love unto the ſeed of God in you, do I warn and call unto you all to come and meet the Lord in the way of his judgements, and give up all that unto the righteous judgements of the Lord God of heaven and earth, Oh what a lamentation ſhall I take up for you who yet withſtand the day of your viſitation, Oh no longer withſtand the Lord nor his meſſengers which he hath ſent with their lives freely given up unto God to proclaim liberty to the ſeed thats held in captivity by the Divel the Prince of the power of darkneſs, that ruleth in the hearts of the wicked, which ſeed judgeth and condemneth for all manner of ſin and iniquity which by it is greived and oppreſſed exceedingly; Ah if you forſake not this oppreſſing of this noble ſeed which God hath raiſed up in many to bear witneſs for him againſt all ungodlineſs whatſoever, which reacheth unto the ſeed in you, but ye through ſtubbornneſs gainſay it, becauſe its mean and contemptible in your own eſteem, and certainly if you abide in gainſaying and ſmiteing the ſervants of the Lord, the hand of God will turn againſt you, and he will bring you down to the earth with ſhame, and you ſhall periſh in your gainſaying, as *Korah*, *Dathan* and *Abiram* did who gainſayed *Moſes* and *Aron*, yea without mercy ſhall ye be rooted out never again to be planted, therefore ye that are in Authority to do juſtice, conſider the grievous oppreſſions of the innocent and harmleſs, who for conſcience ſake ſuffer ſore beatings and ſtoneings, and blood ſhed for the exerciſe of their conſcience to Godward only, and for waiting upon, and worſhiping of him in ſpirit and truth: Oh lay this to heart all ye in Authority, be ye adviſed, and take heed unto your ſelves, for of a truth the Lord is with this people which are called in ſcorn Quakers, and in his life and power he appears amongſt them, and this aſſuredly know that if ye fight againſt the appearance of God in them, ye muſt never expect to proſper, but blaſting will come upon you, and ye will be a hiſſing and by-word to Generations to come. Therefore conſider and be wiſe and merciful if ye expect mercy of the Lord, and let his pepole alone in the exerciſe of their conſciences towards the Lord, and take off the burthen of oppreſſion, and then it may be well with you, but if not then the Lord will ceaſe to ſtrive with you, and the day of your viſitation will paſs from you, and then ſhall ſorrow of heart come upon you & leaneneſs of ſoul which now wallow in your fatneſs, and great ſhall be the cry amongſt you when the day of your viſitation is gone over you which cannot be again recalled. By one that fears the Lord and not man who oppoſeth him in his ſpiritual appearing, who is a witneſs for God againſt all manner of wickedneſs, and ſingly gives my teſtimony againſt all oppreſſion, with the reſt of my brethren, which teſtimony for God if thereunto called I can ſeal with my blood, who is called *William Green.*

Thus in obedience unto the Lord and my conſcience unto you all have I cleared, ſo whether you will hear or forbear, my peace is with the Lord, for he laid it upon me to warn you, ſignifying by his ſpirit unto me, that he with his preſence and power would attend me and ſupport me in bearing of my teſtimony for his name ſake (and that nothing ſhall come unto me but what ſhould make for his glory, and the remainer he would reſtrain, and innocently do I lie down in the will of the Lord, having peace with him, and unity with all that fear his name. *London the 12 of the 10th. month.* 1663.

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